

3250 Wildlife Branch Director (Also refer to **Section 9710 Wildlife Plan**)

The Wildlife Branch Director is responsible for minimizing wildlife losses during spill responses; coordinating early aerial, ground, and on-water reconnaissance of the wildlife at the spill; employing wildlife hazing measures; and recovering and rehabilitating impacted wildlife. A wildlife processing center should be established and maintained for: veterinary services, treatment and rehabilitation of oiled wildlife, storage and other support needs. The Branch Director will coordinate operations with the Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN). The activities of private wildlife care groups, including those employed by the responsible party, will be overseen and coordinated by the Wildlife Branch Director.

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Section 2120).
- b. Develop Wildlife Branch portion of the Incident Action Plan.
- c. Supervise Wildlife Branch operations.
- d. Determine resource needs and communicate those needs to the Logistics Section and the Resources Unit in the Planning Branch.
- e. Update the Unified Command and Situation Unit (Planning Branch) of impacted wildlife and those at risk.
- f. Assemble and disassemble strike teams/task forces assigned to the Wildlife Branch.
- g. Attend pre-planning and planning meeting and UC briefings. May also be requested for interviews with the media.
- h. Report information about special activities, events, requests and occurrences to Operations Section Chief and the Situation Unit in the Planning Section.
- i. Review suggested list of resources to be released and initiate recommendation for release of resource. Carry out Demobilization Plan.
- j. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS 214).

3251 Wildlife Reconnaissance Group Supervisor

The Wildlife Reconnaissance Group Supervisor, under the direction of the Wildlife Branch Director, is responsible for coordinating reconnaissance surveys of wildlife at the spill site and in areas potentially at risk from the spill. The group supervisor will establish and supervise as many units as necessary to survey the spill area from the air, boat, and shoreline. Operational activities and results will be reported to the Wildlife Branch Director and the Situation Unit Leader (Planning Branch).

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Section 2120).
- b. Develop wildlife reconnaissance portion of the Incident Action Plan for the next operational period and implement the assignments of the current Incident Action Plan.
- c. Supervise Wildlife Reconnaissance Units and operations.
- d. Create and disseminate protocols for timely information gathering and reporting to the group supervisors or unit leaders.

- e. Determine resource needs and communicate to the Logistics Section through the Wildlife Branch Director.
- f. Assemble and disassemble strike teams/task forces as necessary.
- g. Report observations of the Wildlife Reconnaissance Teams to the Situation Unit Leader and the Wildlife Branch Director.
- h. Review suggested list of resources to be released and initiate recommendation for release of resource. Carry out Demobilization Plan as directed.
- i. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS 214).

3251.1 Aerial Survey Unit Leader

The Aerial Survey Unit Leader under the direction of Wildlife Reconnaissance Group Supervisor is responsible for coordinating and conducting aerial reconnaissance surveys of wildlife at the spill site and of those potentially at risk from the spill.

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Section 2120 and 2121).
- b. Implement the aerial survey assignments in the current Incident Action Plan following established protocols.
- c. Supervise aerial wildlife reconnaissance operations.
- d. Report observations to the Group Supervisor, Wildlife Branch Director, and Situation Unit Leader (Planning Branch).
- e. Determine resource needs and communicate to the Logistics Section through the Group Supervisor or Wildlife Branch Director.
- f. Carry out Demobilization Plan as directed.
- g. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS 214).

3251.2 Boat Survey Unit Leader

The Boat Survey Unit Leader under the direction of the Wildlife Reconnaissance Group Supervisor is responsible for coordinating and conducting water based reconnaissance surveys of wildlife at the spill site and of those potentially at risk to the spill.

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Section 2120 and 2121).
- b. Implement the on-water survey assignments in the current Incident Action Plan following established protocols.
- c. Supervise on-water wildlife reconnaissance operations.
- d. Assemble and disassemble strike teams/task forces as necessary.
- e. Report observations to the Group Supervisor, Wildlife Branch Director, and Situation Unit Leader (Planning Branch).
- f. Determine resource needs and communicate to the Logistics Section through the Group Supervisor or Wildlife Branch Director.
- g. Carry out Demobilization Plan as directed.
- h. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS 214).

3251.3 Shoreline Survey Unit Leader

The Shoreline Survey Unit Leader under the direction of Wildlife Reconnaissance Group Supervisor is responsible for carrying out shoreline reconnaissance surveys of wildlife at the spill site and of those potentially at risk to the spill.

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Section 2120 and 2121).
- b. Implement the shoreline survey assignments in the current Incident Action Plan following established protocols.
- c. Supervise shoreline wildlife reconnaissance operations.
- d. Assemble and disassemble strike teams/task forces as necessary.
- e. Report observations to the Group Supervisor, Wildlife Branch Director, and Situation Unit Leader (Planning Branch).
- f. Determine resource needs and communicate to the Logistics Section through the Group Supervisor or Wildlife Branch Director.
- g. Carry out Demobilization Plan as directed.
- h. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS 214).

3252 Hazing Group Supervisor

The Wildlife Hazing Group Supervisor under the direction of the Wildlife Branch Director is responsible for minimizing wildlife impact and losses during spill responses. The deployment of acoustic, visual, or other wildlife hazing measures shall be authorized in the Incident Action Plan. All activities, status and location of wildlife and hazing operations shall be reported regularly to the Wildlife Branch Director and the Situation Unit Leader (Planning Branch).

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Section 2120).
- b. Develop wildlife hazing portion of the Incident Action Plan.
- c. Implement and supervise wildlife hazing operations.
- d. Determine resource needs and communicate to the Logistics Section through the Wildlife Branch Director.
- e. Review suggested list of resources to be released and initiate recommendation for release of resource. Carry out Demobilization Plan as directed.
- f. Assemble and disassemble strike teams/task forces as necessary.
- g. Report activities, observations, and results to the Situation Unit Leader through the Wildlife Branch Director.
- h. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS 214).

3253 Recovery and Transportation Group Supervisor

Under the direction of the Wildlife Branch Director, the Wildlife Recovery Group Supervisor is responsible for the search and recovery of dead and live impacted wildlife and transporting them to processing/rehabilitation center(s). The supervisor is responsible for arranging transportation of live oiled wildlife to rehabilitation centers and the transportation of dead wildlife to a secure storage facility. This group should coordinate with Situation Unit (Planning Branch) in conducting surveys of wildlife in the vicinity of the spill. The establishment of several strike teams or task forces will likely be necessary to survey the entire spill area.

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Section 2120).
- b. Determine resource needs and communicate to the Logistics Section through the Supervisor and the Wildlife Branch Director.
- c. Establish and implement protocols for timely collection and transportation of impacted wildlife throughout the spill area.
- d. Coordinate group activities with the Veterinary Services Group and Processing Group Supervisors.
- e. Assemble and disassemble strike teams/task forces as necessary.
- f. Coordinate transportation of wildlife to processing center(s).
- g. Brief the Wildlife Branch Director on activities.
- h. Review suggested list of resources to be released and initiate recommendation for release of resource. Carry out Demobilization Plan as directed.
- i. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS 214)

3254 Processing Group Supervisor

The Wildlife Processing Group Supervisor under the direction of the Wildlife Branch Director is responsible for establishing and maintaining central wildlife processing center(s) for receiving and documenting all impacted wildlife collected, dead or alive. The group supervisor will establish and direct the operations of the Wildlife Intake Unit and the Wildlife Impact Documentation Unit.

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Section 2120).
- b. Develop wildlife processing portion of the Incident Action Plan.
- c. Supervise the operations of the Wildlife Intake and Wildlife Impact Documentation Units.
- d. Coordinate group and unit activities with the Veterinary Services Group and Recovery and Transportation Group Supervisors.
- e. Determine resource needs and communicate to the Logistics Section through the Wildlife Branch Director.
- f. Assemble and disassemble strike teams/task forces and processing centers as necessary.
- g. Report locations, numbers and species of dead and live animals received to the Wildlife Branch Director and Situation Unit Leader daily or more frequently if so directed.
- h. Review suggested list of resources to be released and initiate recommendation for release of

- resource. Carry out Demobilization Plan as directed.
- i. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS 214).

3254.1 Intake Unit Leader

The Wildlife Intake Unit Leader under the direction of the Wildlife Processing Group Supervisor is responsible for processing and documenting all impacted wildlife collected whether dead or alive. Duties may include: logging in and handling impacted wildlife; maintaining chain-of-custody; collecting pertinent information regarding an animal's condition and degree of oiling; photographing animals; and evidence tagging. Standardized forms and procedures should be used at all times.

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Sections 2120 and 2121).
- b. Develop wildlife intake portion of the Incident Action Plan.
- c. Supervise Wildlife Intake Unit operations.
- d. Determine resource needs and communicate to the Logistics Section through the Group Supervisor or Wildlife Branch Director.
- e. Assemble and disassemble strike teams/task forces as necessary.
- f. Provide records/documentation of all wildlife collected whether dead or alive to the Wildlife Impact Documentation Unit.
- g. Carry out Demobilization Plan as directed.
- h. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS 214).

3254.2 Wildlife Impact Documentation Unit Leader

The Wildlife Impact Documentation Unit Leader under the direction of the Wildlife Processing Group Supervisor is responsible for maintaining and reporting information on wildlife collected. Documentation shall include (at least) date and location of collection, captured live or dead, species, numbers of animals, and disposition. Duties may also include maintaining and reporting information collected by field reconnaissance units.

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Section 2120 and 2121).
- b. Develop the Wildlife Impact Documentation portion of the Incident Action Plan.
- c. Supervise Wildlife Impact Documentation Unit operations.
- d. Determine resource needs and communicate to the Logistics Section through the Group Supervisor or Wildlife Branch Director.
- f. Assemble and disassemble strike teams/task forces as necessary.
- g. Report locations, number, and species of dead and live animals received to the Wildlife Branch Director and Situation Unit Leader daily, or more frequently if so directed.
- e. Carry out Demobilization Plan as directed.
- h. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS 214).

3255 Veterinary Services Group Supervisor

Under the direction of the Wildlife Branch Director, the Veterinary Services Group Supervisor is responsible for establishing and maintaining the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center(s). The supervisor is responsible for receiving oiled wildlife, processing wildlife into the system by recording essential information on live and dead wildlife intake forms, collecting necessary feather and tissue samples from live animals, conducting triage, stabilization, treatment and rehabilitation of oiled wildlife. The supervisor is responsible for assuring appropriate transportation to established treatment centers for oiled animals requiring extended care and treatment. May be same as OWCN Response Director.

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Section 2120).
- b. Determine resource needs and establish rehabilitation center(s) for impacted wildlife.
- c. Coordinate the combined resources and capabilities of the OWCN and any other private wildlife care organizations to provide optimum treatment and rehabilitation services.
- d. Maintain status (number/type/species/disposition) of impacted wildlife and brief the Wildlife Branch Director regularly.
- e. Maintain communication and coordinate activities with the Recovery and Transportation Group and Processing Group Supervisors.
- f. Coordinate transport of wildlife to other facilities as needed.
- g. Coordinate release of rehabilitated wildlife.
- h. Review suggested list of resources to be released and initiate recommendation for release of resource. Implement demobilization plan as directed.
- i. Brief the Wildlife Branch Director on activities.
- j. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS 214).

3255.1 OSPR/OWCN Bird Unit Leader

The OSPR/OWCN Bird Unit Leader under the direction of the Veterinary Services Group Supervisor is responsible for receiving live oiled birds requiring extended care and treatment at established treatment centers, recording essential medical information, conducting triage, stabilization, treatment, and rehabilitation of oiled birds.

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Section 2120 and 2121).
- b. Treat and rehabilitate impacted wildlife and maintain the necessary documentation.
- c. Coordinate release of rehabilitated wildlife.
- d. Brief the Group Supervisor and Wildlife Branch Director on activities.
- e. Assemble and disassemble strike teams/task forces as necessary.
- f. Determine resource needs and communicate to the Logistics Section through the Group Supervisor or Wildlife Branch Director.
- g. Carry out Demobilization Plan as directed.
- h. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS 214)

3255.2 OSPR/OWCN Pinniped Unit Leader

The OSPR/OWCN Pinniped Unit Leader under the direction of the Veterinary Services Group Supervisor is responsible for receiving live oiled pinnipeds requiring extended care and treatment at established treatment centers, recording essential medical information, conducting triage, stabilization, treatment, and rehabilitation of oiled pinnipeds.

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Section 2120 and 2121).
- b. Treat and rehabilitate impacted wildlife and maintain the necessary documentation.
- c. Coordinate release of rehabilitated wildlife.
- d. Brief the Group Supervisor and Wildlife Branch Director on activities.
- e. Assemble and disassemble strike teams/task forces as necessary.
- f. Determine resource needs and communicate to the Logistics Section through the Group Supervisor or Wildlife Branch Director.
- g. Carry out Demobilization Plan as directed.
- h. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS 214)

3255.3 OSPR/OWCN Sea Otter Unit Leader

The OSPR/OWCN Sea Otter Unit Leader under the direction of the Veterinary Services Group Supervisor is responsible for receiving live oiled sea otters requiring extended care and treatment at an established treatment center, recording essential medical information, conducting triage, stabilization, treatment, and rehabilitation of oiled sea otters.

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Section 2120 and 2121).
- b. Treat and rehabilitate impacted wildlife and maintain the necessary documentation.
- c. Coordinate release of rehabilitated wildlife.
- d. Brief the Group Supervisor and Wildlife Branch Director on activities.
- e. Assemble and disassemble strike teams/task forces as necessary.
- f. Determine resource needs and communicate to the Logistics Section through the Group Supervisor or Wildlife Branch Director.
- g. Carry out Demobilization Plan as directed.
- h. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS 214)